Fishery schools and the Director for the correspondence?

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Is there any relation between a Vernacular Education Inspector and Fishery schools?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it because he had not sufficient work in the other line?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Certainly not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How is it that primary schools are left off from the purview of his inspection?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Primary schools do not require any specialised staff to inspect them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not a fact that Malayalam is being taught in primary schools?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The standard is only of an elementary grade and only in the higher classes any specialised study is necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to take it that he has nothing to do with primary schools?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—If more definite information is required I want notice.

Tharakans—petition from.

263. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

1. whether they are in receipt of any petition from the 'Tharakans' of Chittur showing their backwardness and praying for employments to the members of their community;

2. if so, will the Government be pleased to place it on the table;

3. what action has the Government taken regarding it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Yes.

2. A copy of the petition is appended. (*Appendix III*)

3. The petition was communicated to the Heads of Departments for consideration and disposal.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Have the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that they have applied to all Heads of departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am not sure. However the petition has been again forwarded to the Heads of departments.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—With no remarks from the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, there is the remark 'for consideration' and disposal. There are also the general orders that backward classes should be given preference always.

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